



D.J. Jacobetti November 2023

Volunteer & Donor Newsletter

Hello Friends of MVH D.J. Jacobetti,

October arrived with beautiful summer weather and gorgeous fall colors. Our veteran members had opportunities to go on lunch outings to Marquette Elks 405 and American Legions Post 44 Marquette and Post 114 Greenwood, the Crossroads, NMU football and hockey games, plus fall color tours. It also brought football parties, pumpkin decorating and cooking, Halloween luncheons and parties, Plaidurday, and lots of live music. We made pasties with the Vallier family (a new tradition!!!) and had an incredible time with Waawiyeyaa, a local indigenous band that rocked this HOME!

November, however, is simply the best month because November brings the 3 best holidays of the year: Veterans Day, DJJ Deer Camp and Thanksgiving! As you know, every day, the staff at D.J. Jacobetti work diligently to provide the very best for our veteran members. However, holidays like Veterans Day allow us to really stop, pause, count our blessings and express our gratitude for the veterans that live here (work here and volunteer here!). This year's Veterans Day ceremony is planned and sponsored by Amvets Post 122 and it is going to be special one. Thanks to our amazing supporters we have a lot of extra special fun planned for November including:

- Celebrating Veterans Day with fruit trays, big buck\$ bingo, a special dessert and a visit from Negaunee City Band (with goodness spread out over several days because our veterans deserve it)
- Native American drumming, storytelling, and teachings with special songs celebrating veterans
- DJJ Deer Camp includes a big buck\$ bingo, meat and cheese trays and reminiscing, pasties and happy hour, hunting games in the chapel, and more plaid!
- Professional photos of our veterans and the opportunity for loved ones to take an updated, beautiful photo with their veteran member
- NMU hockey twice in November with DJJ as the recipient of Honor Credit Union's Goals for Good during the Alaska-Fairbanks game (meaning we want NMU to score BIG). Go Cats, Go!!

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- **Our gear sale is finally here!** The new design is beautiful, on sale through 11/22, AND proceeds support the incredible staff who serve our veteran members at MVHDJJ. Visit www.LoyalTees.clothing/djjacobetti
- Attached and below, please find our November Wish List (updated monthly). These wish list items allow us to provide our veteran members a choice, the best quality products, and the ability to fulfill member requests, just as they are needed and with no wait.
- Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesDJJ>
- To stay up-to-date on progress of our new U.P. veterans home, visit: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ>

It is because of our generous sponsors and donors that we are able to offer so many amazing opportunities to our veteran members. THANK YOU! As always, we welcome fresh ideas for events and outings. Would your group like to run a cribbage tourney? How about throwing a Fall Harvest party for veteran members onsite or offsite? Sponsor a happy hour or help at game night? There are so many ways you help enrich our veteran members' lives. Give us a ring and let's make some fun for the veteran members at MVHDJJ!



Big thank you to students and the staff of Marquette Alger Technical Middle College for spending Make A Difference Day beautifying the grounds of D.J. Jacobetti



The chapel was packed for indigenous rock band, Waawiyeyaa! Miigwech (thank you) for the original music that was so good.



Strike! U.S. Navy veteran, Sunny and friends bowl in the Rec Room



NMU football vs. GVSU with a big win for NMU!

Now, that's a lot of plaid! Plaidurday 2023



***We are grateful for your support and friendship.
You help make MVH D.J. Jacobetti a very special place for Upper Peninsula veterans.***

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